



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

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Director

March 24, 2017

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Representative
237 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: H.R. 588 (Pallone): Securing Access to Networks in Disasters Act - Support

Dear Representative Pallone:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support H.R. 588, which would direct the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to examine the public safety benefits of making privately owned WiFi networks available to the general public during emergencies.

In San Bernardino County we face the threat of natural disasters such as earthquakes, wildfires, and floods. There are also severe weather threats such as extreme heat or extreme cold that can threaten the health of individuals or groups in our communities and natural disaster can cause. The infamous 810-mile-long San Andreas Fault cuts a large swath through San Bernardino County. The fault passes through Wrightwood, Cajon Pass, and Highland, and then eastward along the southern edge of the San Bernardino Mountains.

Given our vast region, if additional emergency services could be utilized to allow for emergency personnel to assist our residents during a disaster, we strongly urge for this study to be completed to see the viability of utilizing private networks for emergency services.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support H.R. 588. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Lovingood".

Robert Lovingood
First District Supervisor
Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

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